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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that American and American-Saudi aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. On 4/5 May 1991, American-Saudi air activity amounted to 29 sorties flown by 14 formations and 1 single aircraft.

2. The altitude of the aircraft ranged between 6 and 9 kilometres, and they flew at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour.

3. The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s, and air activity centred over Baghdad, western Baghdad, Najaf, Karbala, Kut, Ba'qubah and Tall'afar for the purpose of observation and provocation.

II

1. On 5/6 May 1991, American-Saudi air activity amounted to 48 sorties flown by 20 formations and 8 single aircraft.

2. The altitude of the aircraft ranged between 5 and 8 kilometres and their speed between 600 and 720 kilometres per hour.

3. The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s, and air activity centred over Baghdad, Habbaniyah, Aziziyah, Suwayrah, Samarra, Ba'qubah, Kut, Rutbah and southern Kirkuk for the purpose of observation and provocation.

III

1. On 6/7 May 1991, American-Saudi air activity amounted to 36 sorties flown by 18 formations.

2. The altitude of the aircraft ranged between 3 and 7 kilometres and their speed between 600 and 720 kilometres per hour.

3. The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s, and air activity centred over Baghdad, southern Kut, Aziziyah, Habbaniyah, Qadisiyah, Miqdadiyah and Ba'qubah for the purpose of observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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